

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)
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 RASHAD OMAR WILLIAMS,)
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 Defendant.)


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560 U.S. 817, 827 (2010); United States v. Cole, 618 F. App'x 178, 178–79 (4th Cir. 2015) (per curiam) (unpublished); United States v. Thomas, 546 F. App'x 225, 225–26 (4th Cir. 2013) (per curiam) (unpublished); United States v. Perez, 536 F. App'x 321, 321 (4th Cir. 2013) (per curiam) (unpublished); United States v. Smalls, 720 F.3d 193, 195–97 (4th Cir. 2013); United States v. Stewart, 595 F.3d 197, 200 (4th Cir. 2010). In deciding whether to reduce Williams's sentence, the court finds that Williams engaged in a serious conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute heroin. See PSR ¶¶ 1–8. Furthermore, Williams has a disturbing criminal history, including a prior federal conviction for conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute a quantity of heroin. See id. ¶¶ 10–12. Moreover, when not incarcerated, Williams has a poor work history and a history of substance abuse. See id. ¶¶ 25–26, 30–36. Nonetheless, while incarcerated on his federal sentence, Williams has taken some positive steps. See Resentencing Report 1; cf. Pepper v. United States, 562 U.S. 476, 491 (2011); U.S.S.G. § 1B1.10, cmt. n.1(B)(iii).

Having reviewed the entire record and all relevant policy statements, the court finds that Williams received the sentence that was “sufficient, but not greater than necessary” under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) and finds that reducing Williams's sentence would threaten public safety in light of his serious criminal conduct and criminal history. Cf. U.S.S.G. § 1B1.10, cmt. n.1(B)(ii). Williams's serious criminal conduct, criminal history, poor work history, and history of substance abuse do not support reducing Williams's sentence. Thus, the court denies Williams's motion for reduction of sentence. See, e.g., Cole, 618 F. App'x at 178–79; Thomas, 546 F. App'x at 225–26; Perez, 536 F. App'x at 321.

In sum, Williams's motion for reduction of sentence [D.E. 37] is DENIED.

SO ORDERED. This 9 day of May 2016.


JAMES C. DEVER III
Chief United States District Judge